THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Five religious communities namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zorastrians are treated as 'Minorities'. A 15-Point Programme for the welfare of minorities is being implemented. It basically seeks to ensure a feeling of security in the minds of the minorities.

(c) No, Sir.

Para-Military Net Work

2766. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the Para-military net work in the country during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the name of places where the new ballalions will be stationed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The strength of the Para-Military Forces is reviewed from time to time, keeping in view the various factors including the prevalent law and order situation, and action taken to augement the Forces as considered necessary.

Safety of Indian Citizens at Kuchlibari

2767. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps the Government propose to take to ensure safety and security of the Indian citizens inhabiting at Kuchlibari after the proposed transfer of "Tinbigha" to Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PAARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): A Strip of land measuring 178 m X 85 m known as 'Tin Bigha Corridor' in Cooch Bihar district of West Bengal will be leased in perpetuity to Bangladesh to connect their mainland with their enclave Dahagram-Angarpota jutting into Indian territory. There is no transfer of Indian territory involved. Sovereignty over the corridor will continue to vest in India. Indian citizens including the inhabitants of Kuchlibari will continue to have access through the Corridor. Govt. have been in consultation with the Govt. of West Bengal regarding finalisation of all necessary arrangements to be made after the leasing of the corridor to Bangladesh.

Declaration of Assets and Liabilities by Ministers

2768. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a code of conduct for Ministers under which every Minister has to make a declaration of his assets and liabilities;

(b) if so, the names of the Union Ministers who have not so far filled declarations of their assets and liabilities; and

(c) the action being taken to obtain such a declaration from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). There is a Code of Conduct for Ministers, Under this Code, a